

# **PHASE 1**

## **BASE HYPERSTROPHY**

### **(MODERATE VOLUME, MODERATE INTENSITY)**

WEEK 1	EXERCISE	WARM-UP SETS	WORKING SETS	REPS	LOAD	RPE	REST	SUBSTITUTION OPTION 1	SUBSTITUTION OPTION 2	NOTES
PUSH #1	Bench Press	3-4	1	3-5		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>DB Bench Press</u>	<u>Machine Chest Press</u>	Set up a comfortable arch, quick pause on the chest and explode up on each rep.
	Larsen Press	0	2	10		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>DB Bench Press (No Leg Drive)</u>	<u>Machine Chest Press (No Leg Drive)</u>	Shoulder blades still retracted and depressed. Slight arch in upper back. Zero leg drive.
	Standing Dumbbell Arnold Press	2	3	8-10		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>Seated DB Shoulder Press</u>	<u>Machine Shoulder Press</u>	Start with your elbows in front of you and palms facing in. Rotate the dumbbells so that your palms face forward as you press.
	A1. Press-Around	1	2	12-15		9-10	0 min	<u>DB Flye</u>	<u>Deficit Push Up</u>	Brace with your non-working arm, squeeze your pecs by pressing the cable across your body.
	A2. Pec Static Stretch 30s	0	2	30s HOLD		N/A	0 min	N/A	N/A	Hold a pec stretch for 30 seconds. The stretch should be held at about a 7/10 intensity.
	Cross-Body Cable Y-Raise (Side Delt)	1	3	12-15		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>DB Lateral Raise</u>	<u>Machine Lateral Raise</u>	Think about swinging the cable out and up as if "drawing a sword" from your side.
	Squeeze-Only Triceps Pressdown + Stretch-Only Overhead Triceps Extension	1	3	8 + 8		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Triceps Pressdown (12-15 reps)</u>	<u>DB Skull Crusher (12-15 reps)</u>	Do the second half of the ROM for pressdowns ("the squeeze") and the first half of the ROM for overhead extensions ("the stretch").
	N1-Style Cross-Body Triceps Extension	0	2	10-12		10	~1-2 min	<u>Single-Arm Tricep Pressdown</u>	<u>Single-Arm Cable Tricep Kickback</u>	Extend your triceps with your arm more out to the side than a regular pressdown. Feel the stretch as the cable moves across your torso.

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PULL #1	<u>Lat Pulldown (Feeder Sets)</u>	0	4	10		See Notes	~2-3 min	<u>Machine Pulldown</u>	<u>Pull-Up</u>	Do 4 feeder sets of 10 reps by gradually building the weight up from set to set. Set 1 is pretty light (RPE 4-5). Set 2 is a little heavier (RPE 6-7). Set 3 is a little heavier again (RPE 7-8). Set 4 is your hard set: try to hit failure at 10 reps on this last set.
	<u>Lat Pulldown (Failure Set)</u>	0	1	10+5		10	~2-3 min	<u>Machine Pulldown</u>	<u>Pull-Up</u>	After hitting failure at ~10 reps, do a dropset. Strip the weight back ~30-50% and do another 5 reps with nice and controlled technique.
	<u>Omni-Grip Machine Chest-Supported Row</u>	2	3	10-12		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>Incline Chest-Supported DB Row</u>	<u>Cable Seated Row</u>	Use 3 different grips for the 3 working sets (ideally going from wider to closer).
	<u>A1. Bottom-Half DB Lat Pullover</u>	1	2	10-12		9-10	0 min	<u>Cable Lat Pullover</u>	<u>1-Arm Lat Pull-In</u>	Do DB lat pullovers, but cut out the top half of the ROM (stay entirely in the stretched aspect of the lift).
	<u>A2. Lat Static Stretch 30s</u>	0	2	30s HOLD		N/A	0 min	N/A	N/A	Hold a lat stretch for 30 seconds. The stretch should be held at about a 7/10 intensity.
	<u>Omni-Direction Face Pull</u>	1	3	12-15		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Reverse Cable Flye</u>	<u>Bent-Over Reverse DB Flye</u>	1st set: low-to-high 2nd set: mid-range 3rd set: high-to-low
	<u>EZ-Bar Curl</u>	1	3	6-8		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>DB Curl</u>	<u>Cable Curl</u>	Focus on contracting your biceps, minimize torso momentum.
	<u>Bottom-Half Preacher Curl</u>	0	2	10-12		10	~1-2 min	<u>Bottom-Half Spider Curl</u>	<u>Bottom-Half Bayesian Curl</u>	Do preacher curls, but cut out the top half of the ROM (stay entirely in the stretched aspect of the lift).

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	<u>Pause Squat (Back off)</u>	0	2	5		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>Pause Hack Squat</u>	<u>Pause DB Bulgarian Split Squat</u>	Drop the weight by ~25% from your top set. 2 second pause. Sit back and down, keep your upper back tight to the bar.
	<u>Barbell RDL</u>	2	3	8-10		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>DB RDL</u>	<u>45° Hyperextension</u>	Maintain a neutral lower back, set your hips back, don't allow your spine to round.
	<u>Walking Lunge</u>	1	2	10		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>DB Step-Up</u>	<u>Goblet Squat</u>	Take medium strides, minimize the amount you push off your rear leg.
	<u>Seated Leg Curl</u>	1	3	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Lying Leg Curl</u>	<u>Nordic Ham Curl</u>	Focus on squeezing your hamstrings to move the weight.
	<u>Leg Press Toe Press</u>	1	4	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Seated Calf Raise</u>	<u>Standing Calf Raise</u>	Press all the way up to your toes, stretch your calves at the bottom, don't bounce.
	<u>Decline Plate-Weighted Crunch</u>	1	3	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Cable Crunch</u>	<u>Machine Crunch</u>	Hold a plate or DB to your chest and crunch hard.
OPTIONAL REST DAY										

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UPPER #1	Pull-Up	2	2	8-10		8-9	~2-3 min	<a href="#">Lat Pulldown</a>	<a href="#">Machine Pulldown</a>	1.5x shoulder width grip, pull your chest to the bar.
	Close-Grip Barbell Incline Press	2-3	3	8, 5, 12		8-9	~3-4 min	<a href="#">Close-Grip DB Incline Press</a>	<a href="#">Close-Grip Machine Press</a>	Use ~45° incline and a grip width just outside shoulder width.
	Kroc Row	2	3	10-12		8-9	~2-3 min	<a href="#">Single-Arm DB Row</a>	<a href="#">Meadows Row</a>	Kroc rows are basically just a dumbbell row with mild cheating and a slightly more upright posture. Don't be afraid to go heavy and use straps if your grip is limiting.
	Eccentric-Accentuated Cable Lateral Raise, Constant-Tension Cable Lateral Raise	1	3	5, 15		9-10	~1-2 min	<a href="#">DB Lateral Raise</a>	<a href="#">Machine Lateral Raise</a>	First 5 reps: 5-second lowering phase, last 15 reps constant tension (no pausing at the bottom or top).
	N1-Style Cross-Body Bicep Curl	1	3	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<a href="#">DB Incline Curl</a>	<a href="#">DB Curl</a>	Curl across your body with your arm out to the side at ~60°.
	Diamond Pushup	0	1	AMRAP		10	0 min	<a href="#">Close-Grip Push Up</a>	<a href="#">Kneeling Modified Push Up</a>	Place your hands close together on the ground so that they form a diamond shape and do as many pushups as possible with a smooth tempo.

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LOWER #1	<u>Deadlift</u>	3-4	1	5		8-9	~3-5 min	<u>Trap Bar Deadlift</u>	<u>Barbell Hip Thrust</u>	Brace your lats, chest tall, pull the slack out of the bar before lifting
	<u>Stiff-Leg Deadlift</u>	0	2	8		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>Barbell RDL</u>	<u>DB RDL</u>	Think about doing a high-hip conventional deadlift with a slight bend in the knees
	<u>Leg Press</u>	2-3	4	10-12		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>Goblet Squat</u>	<u>Walking Lunge</u>	Medium width feet placement on the platform, don't allow your lower back to round
	<u>Glute Ham Raise</u>	1	3	8-10		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Nordic Ham Curl</u>	<u>Lying Leg Curl</u>	Keep your hips straight, do Nordic ham curls if no GHR machine
	<u>Slow-Eccentric Leg Extension</u>	1	3	8-10		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>DB Step-Up</u>	<u>Goblet Squat</u>	Control the weight with a 3-4 second negative
	<u>Seated Calf Raise</u>	1	4	15-20		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Standing Calf Raise</u>	<u>Leg Press Toe Press</u>	Press all the way up to your toes, stretch your calves at the bottom, don't bounce
	<u>Roman Chair Leg Raise</u>	1	3	10-20		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Hanging Leg Raise</u>	<u>Reverse Crunch</u>	Don't swing your legs at the bottom, minimize momentum, tuck your knees towards your chest if lifting your legs straight out is too challenging
<b>MANDATORY 1-2 REST DAYS</b>										

WEEK 2	EXERCISE	WARM-UP SETS	WORKING SETS	REPS	LOAD	RPE	REST	SUBSTITUTION OPTION 1	SUBSTITUTION OPTION 2	NOTES
PUSH #1	Bench Press	3-4	1	3-5		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>DB Bench Press</u>	<u>Machine Chest Press</u>	Set up a comfortable arch, quick pause on the chest and explode up on each rep.
	Larsen Press	0	2	10		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>DB Bench Press (No Leg Drive)</u>	<u>Machine Chest Press (No Leg Drive)</u>	Shoulder blades still retracted and depressed. Slight arch in upper back. Zero leg drive.
	Standing Dumbbell Arnold Press	2	3	8-10		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>Seated DB Shoulder Press</u>	<u>Machine Shoulder Press</u>	Start with your elbows in front of you and palms facing in. Rotate the dumbbells so that your palms face forward as you press.
	A1. Press-Around	1	2	12-15		9-10	0 min	<u>DB Flye</u>	<u>Deficit Push Up</u>	Brace with your non-working arm, squeeze your pecs by pressing the cable across your body.
	A2. Pec Static Stretch 30s	0	2	30s HOLD		N/A	0 min	N/A	N/A	Hold a pec stretch for 30 seconds. The stretch should be held at about a 7/10 intensity.
	Cross-Body Cable Y-Raise (Side Delt)	1	3	12-15		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>DB Lateral Raise</u>	<u>Machine Lateral Raise</u>	Think about swinging the cable out and up as if "drawing a sword" from your side.
	Squeeze-Only Triceps Pressdown + Stretch-Only Overhead Triceps Extension	1	3	8 + 8		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Triceps Pressdown (12-15 reps)</u>	<u>DB Skull Crusher (12-15 reps)</u>	Do the second half of the ROM for pressdowns ("the squeeze") and the first half of the ROM for overhead extensions ("the stretch").
	N1-Style Cross-Body Triceps Extension	0	2	10-12		10	~1-2 min	<u>Single-Arm Tricep Pressdown</u>	<u>Single-Arm Cable Tricep Kickback</u>	Extend your triceps with your arm more out to the side than a regular pressdown. Feel the stretch as the cable moves across your torso.

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	<u>Omni-Grip Machine Chest-Supported Row</u>	2	3	10-12		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>Incline Chest-Supported DB Row</u>	<u>Cable Seated Row</u>	Use 3 different grips for the 3 working sets (ideally going from wider to closer).
	<u>A1. Bottom-Half DB Lat Pullover</u>	1	2	10-12		9-10	0 min	<u>Cable Lat Pullover</u>	<u>1-Arm Lat Pull-In</u>	Do DB lat pullovers, but cut out the top half of the ROM (stay entirely in the stretched aspect of the lift).
	<u>A2. Lat Static Stretch 30s</u>	0	2	30s HOLD		N/A	0 min	N/A	N/A	Hold a lat stretch for 30 seconds. The stretch should be held at about a 7/10 intensity.
	<u>Omni-Direction Face Pull</u>	1	3	12-15		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Reverse Cable Flye</u>	<u>Bent-Over Reverse DB Flye</u>	1st set: low-to-high 2nd set: mid-range 3rd set: high-to-low
	<u>EZ-Bar Curl</u>	1	3	6-8		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>DB Curl</u>	<u>Cable Curl</u>	Focus on contracting your biceps, minimize torso momentum.
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	<u>Pause Squat (Back off)</u>	0	2	5		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>Pause Hack Squat</u>	<u>Pause DB Bulgarian Split Squat</u>	Drop the weight by ~25% from your top set. 2 second pause. Sit back and down, keep your upper back tight to the bar.
	<u>Barbell RDL</u>	2	3	8-10		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>DB RDL</u>	<u>45° Hyperextension</u>	Maintain a neutral lower back, set your hips back, don't allow your spine to round.
	<u>Walking Lunge</u>	1	2	10		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>DB Step-Up</u>	<u>Goblet Squat</u>	Take medium strides, minimize the amount you push off your rear leg.
	<u>Seated Leg Curl</u>	1	3	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Lying Leg Curl</u>	<u>Nordic Ham Curl</u>	Focus on squeezing your hamstrings to move the weight.
	<u>Leg Press Toe Press</u>	1	4	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Seated Calf Raise</u>	<u>Standing Calf Raise</u>	Press all the way up to your toes, stretch your calves at the bottom, don't bounce.
	<u>Decline Plate-Weighted Crunch</u>	1	3	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Cable Crunch</u>	<u>Machine Crunch</u>	Hold a plate or DB to your chest and crunch hard.
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	Close-Grip Barbell Incline Press	2-3	3	8, 5, 12		8-9	~3-4 min	<a href="#">Close-Grip DB Incline Press</a>	<a href="#">Close-Grip Machine Press</a>	Use ~45° incline and a grip width just outside shoulder width.
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	Eccentric-Accentuated Cable Lateral Raise, Constant-Tension Cable Lateral Raise	1	3	5, 15		9-10	~1-2 min	<a href="#">DB Lateral Raise</a>	<a href="#">Machine Lateral Raise</a>	First 5 reps: 5-second lowering phase, last 15 reps constant tension (no pausing at the bottom or top).
	N1-Style Cross-Body Bicep Curl	1	3	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<a href="#">DB Incline Curl</a>	<a href="#">DB Curl</a>	Curl across your body with your arm out to the side at ~60°.
	Diamond Pushup	0	1	AMRAP		10	0 min	<a href="#">Close-Grip Push Up</a>	<a href="#">Kneeling Modified Push Up</a>	Place your hands close together on the ground so that they form a diamond shape and do as many pushups as possible with a smooth tempo.

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	<u>Stiff-Leg Deadlift</u>	0	2	8		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>Barbell RDL</u>	<u>DB RDL</u>	Think about doing a high-hip conventional deadlift with a slight bend in the knees
	<u>Leg Press</u>	2-3	4	10-12		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>Goblet Squat</u>	<u>Walking Lunge</u>	Medium width feet placement on the platform, don't allow your lower back to round
	<u>Glute Ham Raise</u>	1	3	8-10		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Nordic Ham Curl</u>	<u>Lying Leg Curl</u>	Keep your hips straight, do Nordic ham curls if no GHR machine
	<u>Slow-Eccentric Leg Extension</u>	1	3	8-10		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>DB Step-Up</u>	<u>Goblet Squat</u>	Control the weight with a 3-4 second negative
	<u>Seated Calf Raise</u>	1	4	15-20		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Standing Calf Raise</u>	<u>Leg Press Toe Press</u>	Press all the way up to your toes, stretch your calves at the bottom, don't bounce
	<u>Roman Chair Leg Raise</u>	1	3	10-20		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Hanging Leg Raise</u>	<u>Reverse Crunch</u>	Don't swing your legs at the bottom, minimize momentum, tuck your knees towards your chest if lifting your legs straight out is too challenging
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PUSH #1	Bench Press	3-4	1	2-4		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>DB Bench Press</u>	<u>Machine Chest Press</u>	Set up a comfortable arch, quick pause on the chest and explode up on each rep.
	Larsen Press	0	2	10		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>DB Bench Press (No Leg Drive)</u>	<u>Machine Chest Press (No Leg Drive)</u>	Shoulder blades still retracted and depressed. Slight arch in upper back. Zero leg drive.
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	A1. Press-Around	1	2	12-15		9-10	0 min	<u>DB Flye</u>	<u>Deficit Push Up</u>	Brace with your non-working arm, squeeze your pecs by pressing the cable across your body.
	A2. Pec Static Stretch 30s	0	2	30s HOLD		N/A	0 min	N/A	N/A	Hold a pec stretch for 30 seconds. The stretch should be held at about a 7/10 intensity.
	Cross-Body Cable Y-Raise (Side Delt)	1	3	12-15		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>DB Lateral Raise</u>	<u>Machine Lateral Raise</u>	Think about swinging the cable out and up as if "drawing a sword" from your side.
	Squeeze-Only Triceps Pressdown + Stretch-Only Overhead Triceps Extension	1	3	8 + 8		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Triceps Pressdown (12-15 reps)</u>	<u>DB Skull Crusher (12-15 reps)</u>	Do the second half of the ROM for pressdowns ("the squeeze") and the first half of the ROM for overhead extensions ("the stretch").
	N1-Style Cross-Body Triceps Extension	0	2	10-12		10	~1-2 min	<u>Single-Arm Tricep Pressdown</u>	<u>Single-Arm Cable Tricep Kickback</u>	Extend your triceps with your arm more out to the side than a regular pressdown. Feel the stretch as the cable moves across your torso.

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	<u>Lat Pulldown (Failure Set)</u>	0	1	10+5		10	~2-3 min	<u>Machine Pulldown</u>	<u>Pull-Up</u>	After hitting failure at ~10 reps, do a dropset. Strip the weight back ~30-50% and do another 5 reps with nice and controlled technique.
	<u>Omni-Grip Machine Chest-Supported Row</u>	2	3	10-12		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>Incline Chest-Supported DB Row</u>	<u>Cable Seated Row</u>	Use 3 different grips for the 3 working sets (ideally going from wider to closer).
	<u>A1. Bottom-Half DB Lat Pullover</u>	1	2	10-12		9-10	0 min	<u>Cable Lat Pullover</u>	<u>1-Arm Lat Pull-In</u>	Do DB lat pullovers, but cut out the top half of the ROM (stay entirely in the stretched aspect of the lift).
	<u>A2. Lat Static Stretch 30s</u>	0	2	30s HOLD		N/A	0 min	N/A	N/A	Hold a lat stretch for 30 seconds. The stretch should be held at about a 7/10 intensity.
	<u>Omni-Direction Face Pull</u>	1	3	12-15		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Reverse Cable Flye</u>	<u>Bent-Over Reverse DB Flye</u>	1st set: low-to-high 2nd set: mid-range 3rd set: high-to-low
	<u>EZ-Bar Curl</u>	1	3	6-8		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>DB Curl</u>	<u>Cable Curl</u>	Focus on contracting your biceps, minimize torso momentum.
	<u>Bottom-Half Preacher Curl</u>	0	2	10-12		10	~1-2 min	<u>Bottom-Half Spider Curl</u>	<u>Bottom-Half Bayesian Curl</u>	Do preacher curls, but cut out the top half of the ROM (stay entirely in the stretched aspect of the lift).

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LEGS #1	<u>Squat</u>	3-4	1	4-6		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>Hack Squat</u>	<u>DB Bulgarian Split Squat</u>	Sit back and down, keep your upper back tight to the bar.
	<u>Pause Squat (Back off)</u>	0	2	5		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>Pause Hack Squat</u>	<u>Pause DB Bulgarian Split Squat</u>	Drop the weight by ~25% from your top set. 2 second pause. Sit back and down, keep your upper back tight to the bar.
	<u>Barbell RDL</u>	2	3	8-10		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>DB RDL</u>	<u>45° Hyperextension</u>	Maintain a neutral lower back, set your hips back, don't allow your spine to round.
	<u>Walking Lunge</u>	1	2	10		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>DB Step-Up</u>	<u>Goblet Squat</u>	Take medium strides, minimize the amount you push off your rear leg.
	<u>Seated Leg Curl</u>	1	3	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Lying Leg Curl</u>	<u>Nordic Ham Curl</u>	Focus on squeezing your hamstrings to move the weight.
	<u>Leg Press Toe Press</u>	1	4	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Seated Calf Raise</u>	<u>Standing Calf Raise</u>	Press all the way up to your toes, stretch your calves at the bottom, don't bounce.
	<u>Decline Plate-Weighted Crunch</u>	1	3	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Cable Crunch</u>	<u>Machine Crunch</u>	Hold a plate or DB to your chest and crunch hard.
OPTIONAL REST DAY										

WEEK 3	EXERCISE	WARM-UP SETS	WORKING SETS	REPS	LOAD	RPE	REST	SUBSTITUTION OPTION 1	SUBSTITUTION OPTION 2	NOTES
UPPER #1	Pull-Up	2	2	8-10		8-9	~2-3 min	<a href="#">Lat Pulldown</a>	<a href="#">Machine Pulldown</a>	1.5x shoulder width grip, pull your chest to the bar.
	Close-Grip Barbell Incline Press	2-3	3	8, 5, 12		8-9	~3-4 min	<a href="#">Close-Grip DB Incline Press</a>	<a href="#">Close-Grip Machine Press</a>	Use ~45° incline and a grip width just outside shoulder width.
	Kroc Row	2	3	10-12		8-9	~2-3 min	<a href="#">Single-Arm DB Row</a>	<a href="#">Meadows Row</a>	Kroc rows are basically just a dumbbell row with mild cheating and a slightly more upright posture. Don't be afraid to go heavy and use straps if your grip is limiting.
	Eccentric-Accentuated Cable Lateral Raise, Constant-Tension Cable Lateral Raise	1	3	5, 15		9-10	~1-2 min	<a href="#">DB Lateral Raise</a>	<a href="#">Machine Lateral Raise</a>	First 5 reps: 5-second lowering phase, last 15 reps constant tension (no pausing at the bottom or top).
	N1-Style Cross-Body Bicep Curl	1	3	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<a href="#">DB Incline Curl</a>	<a href="#">DB Curl</a>	Curl across your body with your arm out to the side at ~60°.
	Diamond Pushup	0	1	AMRAP		10	0 min	<a href="#">Close-Grip Push Up</a>	<a href="#">Kneeling Modified Push Up</a>	Place your hands close together on the ground so that they form a diamond shape and do as many pushups as possible with a smooth tempo.

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LOWER #1	<u>Deadlift</u>	3-4	1	3		8-9	~3-5 min	<u>Trap Bar Deadlift</u>	<u>Barbell Hip Thrust</u>	Brace your lats, chest tall, pull the slack out of the bar before lifting
	<u>Stiff-Leg Deadlift</u>	0	2	8		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>Barbell RDL</u>	<u>DB RDL</u>	Think about doing a high-hip conventional deadlift with a slight bend in the knees
	<u>Leg Press</u>	2-3	4	10-12		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>Goblet Squat</u>	<u>Walking Lunge</u>	Medium width feet placement on the platform, don't allow your lower back to round
	<u>Glute Ham Raise</u>	1	3	8-10		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Nordic Ham Curl</u>	<u>Lying Leg Curl</u>	Keep your hips straight, do Nordic ham curls if no GHR machine
	<u>Slow-Eccentric Leg Extension</u>	1	3	8-10		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>DB Step-Up</u>	<u>Goblet Squat</u>	Control the weight with a 3-4 second negative
	<u>Seated Calf Raise</u>	1	4	15-20		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Standing Calf Raise</u>	<u>Leg Press Toe Press</u>	Press all the way up to your toes, stretch your calves at the bottom, don't bounce
	<u>Roman Chair Leg Raise</u>	1	3	10-20		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Hanging Leg Raise</u>	<u>Reverse Crunch</u>	Don't swing your legs at the bottom, minimize momentum, tuck your knees towards your chest if lifting your legs straight out is too challenging
<b>MANDATORY 1-2 REST DAYS</b>										

WEEK 4	EXERCISE	WARM-UP SETS	WORKING SETS	REPS	LOAD	RPE	REST	SUBSTITUTION OPTION 1	SUBSTITUTION OPTION 2	NOTES
PUSH #1	Bench Press	3-4	1	2-4		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>DB Bench Press</u>	<u>Machine Chest Press</u>	Set up a comfortable arch, quick pause on the chest and explode up on each rep.
	Larsen Press	0	2	10		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>DB Bench Press (No Leg Drive)</u>	<u>Machine Chest Press (No Leg Drive)</u>	Shoulder blades still retracted and depressed. Slight arch in upper back. Zero leg drive.
	Standing Dumbbell Arnold Press	2	3	8-10		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>Seated DB Shoulder Press</u>	<u>Machine Shoulder Press</u>	Start with your elbows in front of you and palms facing in. Rotate the dumbbells so that your palms face forward as you press.
	A1. Press-Around	1	2	12-15		9-10	0 min	<u>DB Flye</u>	<u>Deficit Push Up</u>	Brace with your non-working arm, squeeze your pecs by pressing the cable across your body.
	A2. Pec Static Stretch 30s	0	2	30s HOLD		N/A	0 min	N/A	N/A	Hold a pec stretch for 30 seconds. The stretch should be held at about a 7/10 intensity.
	Cross-Body Cable Y-Raise (Side Delt)	1	3	12-15		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>DB Lateral Raise</u>	<u>Machine Lateral Raise</u>	Think about swinging the cable out and up as if "drawing a sword" from your side.
	Squeeze-Only Triceps Pressdown + Stretch-Only Overhead Triceps Extension	1	3	8 + 8		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Triceps Pressdown (12-15 reps)</u>	<u>DB Skull Crusher (12-15 reps)</u>	Do the second half of the ROM for pressdowns ("the squeeze") and the first half of the ROM for overhead extensions ("the stretch").
	N1-Style Cross-Body Triceps Extension	0	2	10-12		10	~1-2 min	<u>Single-Arm Tricep Pressdown</u>	<u>Single-Arm Cable Tricep Kickback</u>	Extend your triceps with your arm more out to the side than a regular pressdown. Feel the stretch as the cable moves across your torso.

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PULL #1	<u>Lat Pulldown (Feeder Sets)</u>	0	4	10		See Notes	~2-3 min	<u>Machine Pulldown</u>	<u>Pull-Up</u>	Do 4 feeder sets of 10 reps by gradually building the weight up from set to set. Set 1 is pretty light (RPE 4-5). Set 2 is a little heavier (RPE 6-7). Set 3 is a little heavier again (RPE 7-8). Set 4 is your hard set: try to hit failure at 10 reps on this last set.
	<u>Lat Pulldown (Failure Set)</u>	0	1	10+5		10	~2-3 min	<u>Machine Pulldown</u>	<u>Pull-Up</u>	After hitting failure at ~10 reps, do a dropset. Strip the weight back ~30-50% and do another 5 reps with nice and controlled technique.
	<u>Omni-Grip Machine Chest-Supported Row</u>	2	3	10-12		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>Incline Chest-Supported DB Row</u>	<u>Cable Seated Row</u>	Use 3 different grips for the 3 working sets (ideally going from wider to closer).
	<u>A1. Bottom-Half DB Lat Pullover</u>	1	2	10-12		9-10	0 min	<u>Cable Lat Pullover</u>	<u>1-Arm Lat Pull-In</u>	Do DB lat pullovers, but cut out the top half of the ROM (stay entirely in the stretched aspect of the lift).
	<u>A2. Lat Static Stretch 30s</u>	0	2	30s HOLD		N/A	0 min	N/A	N/A	Hold a lat stretch for 30 seconds. The stretch should be held at about a 7/10 intensity.
	<u>Omni-Direction Face Pull</u>	1	3	12-15		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Reverse Cable Flye</u>	<u>Bent-Over Reverse DB Flye</u>	1st set: low-to-high 2nd set: mid-range 3rd set: high-to-low
	<u>EZ-Bar Curl</u>	1	3	6-8		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>DB Curl</u>	<u>Cable Curl</u>	Focus on contracting your biceps, minimize torso momentum.
	<u>Bottom-Half Preacher Curl</u>	0	2	10-12		10	~1-2 min	<u>Bottom-Half Spider Curl</u>	<u>Bottom-Half Bayesian Curl</u>	Do preacher curls, but cut out the top half of the ROM (stay entirely in the stretched aspect of the lift).

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LEGS #1	<u>Squat</u>	3-4	1	3-5		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>Hack Squat</u>	<u>DB Bulgarian Split Squat</u>	Sit back and down, keep your upper back tight to the bar.
	<u>Pause Squat (Back off)</u>	0	2	5		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>Pause Hack Squat</u>	<u>Pause DB Bulgarian Split Squat</u>	Drop the weight by ~25% from your top set. 2 second pause. Sit back and down, keep your upper back tight to the bar.
	<u>Barbell RDL</u>	2	3	8-10		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>DB RDL</u>	<u>45° Hyperextension</u>	Maintain a neutral lower back, set your hips back, don't allow your spine to round.
	<u>Walking Lunge</u>	1	2	10		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>DB Step-Up</u>	<u>Goblet Squat</u>	Take medium strides, minimize the amount you push off your rear leg.
	<u>Seated Leg Curl</u>	1	3	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Lying Leg Curl</u>	<u>Nordic Ham Curl</u>	Focus on squeezing your hamstrings to move the weight.
	<u>Leg Press Toe Press</u>	1	4	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Seated Calf Raise</u>	<u>Standing Calf Raise</u>	Press all the way up to your toes, stretch your calves at the bottom, don't bounce.
	<u>Decline Plate-Weighted Crunch</u>	1	3	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Cable Crunch</u>	<u>Machine Crunch</u>	Hold a plate or DB to your chest and crunch hard.
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UPPER #1	Pull-Up	2	2	8-10		8-9	~2-3 min	<a href="#">Lat Pulldown</a>	<a href="#">Machine Pulldown</a>	1.5x shoulder width grip, pull your chest to the bar.
	Close-Grip Barbell Incline Press	2-3	3	8, 5, 12		8-9	~3-4 min	<a href="#">Close-Grip DB Incline Press</a>	<a href="#">Close-Grip Machine Press</a>	Use ~45° incline and a grip width just outside shoulder width.
	Kroc Row	2	3	10-12		8-9	~2-3 min	<a href="#">Single-Arm DB Row</a>	<a href="#">Meadows Row</a>	Kroc rows are basically just a dumbbell row with mild cheating and a slightly more upright posture. Don't be afraid to go heavy and use straps if your grip is limiting.
	Eccentric-Accentuated Cable Lateral Raise, Constant-Tension Cable Lateral Raise	1	3	5, 15		9-10	~1-2 min	<a href="#">DB Lateral Raise</a>	<a href="#">Machine Lateral Raise</a>	First 5 reps: 5-second lowering phase, last 15 reps constant tension (no pausing at the bottom or top).
	N1-Style Cross-Body Bicep Curl	1	3	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<a href="#">DB Incline Curl</a>	<a href="#">DB Curl</a>	Curl across your body with your arm out to the side at ~60°.
	Diamond Pushup	0	1	AMRAP		10	0 min	<a href="#">Close-Grip Push Up</a>	<a href="#">Kneeling Modified Push Up</a>	Place your hands close together on the ground so that they form a diamond shape and do as many pushups as possible with a smooth tempo.

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LOWER #1	<u>Deadlift</u>	3-4	1	2		8-9	~3-5 min	<u>Trap Bar Deadlift</u>	<u>Barbell Hip Thrust</u>	Brace your lats, chest tall, pull the slack out of the bar before lifting
	<u>Stiff-Leg Deadlift</u>	0	2	8		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>Barbell RDL</u>	<u>DB RDL</u>	Think about doing a high-hip conventional deadlift with a slight bend in the knees
	<u>Leg Press</u>	2-3	4	10-12		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>Goblet Squat</u>	<u>Walking Lunge</u>	Medium width feet placement on the platform, don't allow your lower back to round
	<u>Glute Ham Raise</u>	1	3	8-10		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Nordic Ham Curl</u>	<u>Lying Leg Curl</u>	Keep your hips straight, do Nordic ham curls if no GHR machine
	<u>Slow-Eccentric Leg Extension</u>	1	3	8-10		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>DB Step-Up</u>	<u>Goblet Squat</u>	Control the weight with a 3-4 second negative
	<u>Seated Calf Raise</u>	1	4	15-20		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Standing Calf Raise</u>	<u>Leg Press Toe Press</u>	Press all the way up to your toes, stretch your calves at the bottom, don't bounce
	<u>Roman Chair Leg Raise</u>	1	3	10-20		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Hanging Leg Raise</u>	<u>Reverse Crunch</u>	Don't swing your legs at the bottom, minimize momentum, tuck your knees towards your chest if lifting your legs straight out is too challenging
<b>MANDATORY 1-2 REST DAYS</b>										

WEEK 5	EXERCISE	WARM-UP SETS	WORKING SETS	REPS	LOAD	RPE	REST	SUBSTITUTION OPTION 1	SUBSTITUTION OPTION 2	NOTES
PUSH #1	Bench Press	3-4	1	3-5		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>DB Bench Press</u>	<u>Machine Chest Press</u>	Set up a comfortable arch, quick pause on the chest and explode up on each rep.
	Larsen Press	0	2	10		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>DB Bench Press (No Leg Drive)</u>	<u>Machine Chest Press (No Leg Drive)</u>	Shoulder blades still retracted and depressed. Slight arch in upper back. Zero leg drive.
	Standing Dumbbell Arnold Press	2	3	8-10		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>Seated DB Shoulder Press</u>	<u>Machine Shoulder Press</u>	Start with your elbows in front of you and palms facing in. Rotate the dumbbells so that your palms face forward as you press.
	A1. Press-Around	1	2	12-15		9-10	0 min	<u>DB Flye</u>	<u>Deficit Push Up</u>	Brace with your non-working arm, squeeze your pecs by pressing the cable across your body.
	A2. Pec Static Stretch 30s	0	2	30s HOLD		N/A	0 min	N/A	N/A	Hold a pec stretch for 30 seconds. The stretch should be held at about a 7/10 intensity.
	Cross-Body Cable Y-Raise (Side Delt)	1	3	12-15		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>DB Lateral Raise</u>	<u>Machine Lateral Raise</u>	Think about swinging the cable out and up as if "drawing a sword" from your side.
	Squeeze-Only Triceps Pressdown + Stretch-Only Overhead Triceps Extension	1	3	8 + 8		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Triceps Pressdown (12-15 reps)</u>	<u>DB Skull Crusher (12-15 reps)</u>	Do the second half of the ROM for pressdowns ("the squeeze") and the first half of the ROM for overhead extensions ("the stretch").
	N1-Style Cross-Body Triceps Extension	0	2	10-12		10	~1-2 min	<u>Single-Arm Tricep Pressdown</u>	<u>Single-Arm Cable Tricep Kickback</u>	Extend your triceps with your arm more out to the side than a regular pressdown. Feel the stretch as the cable moves across your torso.

WEEK 5	EXERCISE	WARM-UP SETS	WORKING SETS	REPS	LOAD	RPE	REST	SUBSTITUTION OPTION 1	SUBSTITUTION OPTION 2	NOTES
PULL #1	<u>Lat Pulldown (Feeder Sets)</u>	0	4	10		See Notes	~2-3 min	<u>Machine Pulldown</u>	<u>Pull-Up</u>	Do 4 feeder sets of 10 reps by gradually building the weight up from set to set. Set 1 is pretty light (RPE 4-5). Set 2 is a little heavier (RPE 6-7). Set 3 is a little heavier again (RPE 7-8). Set 4 is your hard set: try to hit failure at 10 reps on this last set.
	<u>Lat Pulldown (Failure Set)</u>	0	1	10+5		10	~2-3 min	<u>Machine Pulldown</u>	<u>Pull-Up</u>	After hitting failure at ~10 reps, do a dropset. Strip the weight back ~30-50% and do another 5 reps with nice and controlled technique.
	<u>Omni-Grip Machine Chest-Supported Row</u>	2	3	10-12		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>Incline Chest-Supported DB Row</u>	<u>Cable Seated Row</u>	Use 3 different grips for the 3 working sets (ideally going from wider to closer).
	<u>A1. Bottom-Half DB Lat Pullover</u>	1	2	10-12		9-10	0 min	<u>Cable Lat Pullover</u>	<u>1-Arm Lat Pull-In</u>	Do DB lat pullovers, but cut out the top half of the ROM (stay entirely in the stretched aspect of the lift).
	<u>A2. Lat Static Stretch 30s</u>	0	2	30s HOLD		N/A	0 min	N/A	N/A	Hold a lat stretch for 30 seconds. The stretch should be held at about a 7/10 intensity.
	<u>Omni-Direction Face Pull</u>	1	3	12-15		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Reverse Cable Flye</u>	<u>Bent-Over Reverse DB Flye</u>	1st set: low-to-high 2nd set: mid-range 3rd set: high-to-low
	<u>EZ-Bar Curl</u>	1	3	6-8		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>DB Curl</u>	<u>Cable Curl</u>	Focus on contracting your biceps, minimize torso momentum.
	<u>Bottom-Half Preacher Curl</u>	0	2	10-12		10	~1-2 min	<u>Bottom-Half Spider Curl</u>	<u>Bottom-Half Bayesian Curl</u>	Do preacher curls, but cut out the top half of the ROM (stay entirely in the stretched aspect of the lift).

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LEGS #1	<u>Squat</u>	3-4	1	2-4		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>Hack Squat</u>	<u>DB Bulgarian Split Squat</u>	Sit back and down, keep your upper back tight to the bar.
	<u>Pause Squat (Back off)</u>	0	2	5		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>Pause Hack Squat</u>	<u>Pause DB Bulgarian Split Squat</u>	Drop the weight by ~25% from your top set. 2 second pause. Sit back and down, keep your upper back tight to the bar.
	<u>Barbell RDL</u>	2	3	8-10		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>DB RDL</u>	<u>45° Hyperextension</u>	Maintain a neutral lower back, set your hips back, don't allow your spine to round.
	<u>Walking Lunge</u>	1	2	10		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>DB Step-Up</u>	<u>Goblet Squat</u>	Take medium strides, minimize the amount you push off your rear leg.
	<u>Seated Leg Curl</u>	1	3	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Lying Leg Curl</u>	<u>Nordic Ham Curl</u>	Focus on squeezing your hamstrings to move the weight.
	<u>Leg Press Toe Press</u>	1	4	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Seated Calf Raise</u>	<u>Standing Calf Raise</u>	Press all the way up to your toes, stretch your calves at the bottom, don't bounce.
	<u>Decline Plate-Weighted Crunch</u>	1	3	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Cable Crunch</u>	<u>Machine Crunch</u>	Hold a plate or DB to your chest and crunch hard.
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UPPER #1	Pull-Up	2	2	8-10		8-9	~2-3 min	<a href="#">Lat Pulldown</a>	<a href="#">Machine Pulldown</a>	1.5x shoulder width grip, pull your chest to the bar.
	Close-Grip Barbell Incline Press	2-3	3	8, 5, 12		8-9	~3-4 min	<a href="#">Close-Grip DB Incline Press</a>	<a href="#">Close-Grip Machine Press</a>	Use ~45° incline and a grip width just outside shoulder width.
	Kroc Row	2	3	10-12		8-9	~2-3 min	<a href="#">Single-Arm DB Row</a>	<a href="#">Meadows Row</a>	Kroc rows are basically just a dumbbell row with mild cheating and a slightly more upright posture. Don't be afraid to go heavy and use straps if your grip is limiting.
	Eccentric-Accentuated Cable Lateral Raise, Constant-Tension Cable Lateral Raise	1	3	5, 15		9-10	~1-2 min	<a href="#">DB Lateral Raise</a>	<a href="#">Machine Lateral Raise</a>	First 5 reps: 5-second lowering phase, last 15 reps constant tension (no pausing at the bottom or top).
	N1-Style Cross-Body Bicep Curl	1	3	10-12		9-10	~1-2 min	<a href="#">DB Incline Curl</a>	<a href="#">DB Curl</a>	Curl across your body with your arm out to the side at ~60°.
	Diamond Pushup	0	1	AMRAP		10	0 min	<a href="#">Close-Grip Push Up</a>	<a href="#">Kneeling Modified Push Up</a>	Place your hands close together on the ground so that they form a diamond shape and do as many pushups as possible with a smooth tempo.

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LOWER #1	<u>Deadlift</u>	3-4	1	1		8-9	~3-5 min	<u>Trap Bar Deadlift</u>	<u>Barbell Hip Thrust</u>	Brace your lats, chest tall, pull the slack out of the bar before lifting
	<u>Stiff-Leg Deadlift</u>	0	2	8		8-9	~3-4 min	<u>Barbell RDL</u>	<u>DB RDL</u>	Think about doing a high-hip conventional deadlift with a slight bend in the knees
	<u>Leg Press</u>	2-3	4	10-12		8-9	~2-3 min	<u>Goblet Squat</u>	<u>Walking Lunge</u>	Medium width feet placement on the platform, don't allow your lower back to round
	<u>Glute Ham Raise</u>	1	3	8-10		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Nordic Ham Curl</u>	<u>Lying Leg Curl</u>	Keep your hips straight, do Nordic ham curls if no GHR machine
	<u>Slow-Eccentric Leg Extension</u>	1	3	8-10		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>DB Step-Up</u>	<u>Goblet Squat</u>	Control the weight with a 3-4 second negative
	<u>Seated Calf Raise</u>	1	4	15-20		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Standing Calf Raise</u>	<u>Leg Press Toe Press</u>	Press all the way up to your toes, stretch your calves at the bottom, don't bounce
	<u>Roman Chair Leg Raise</u>	1	3	10-20		9-10	~1-2 min	<u>Hanging Leg Raise</u>	<u>Reverse Crunch</u>	Don't swing your legs at the bottom, minimize momentum, tuck your knees towards your chest if lifting your legs straight out is too challenging
<b>MANDATORY 1-2 REST DAYS</b>										

**SEMI-DELOAD WEEK: AVOID FAILURE AND TRAIN LIGHTER THIS WEEK TO PROMOTE RECOVERY AND TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT 6 WEEKS!**

<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>EXERCISE</b>	<b>WARM-UP SETS</b>	<b>WORKING SETS</b>	<b>REPS</b>	<b>LOAD</b>	<b>RPE</b>	<b>REST</b>	<b>SUBSTITUTION OPTION 1</b>	<b>SUBSTITUTION OPTION 2</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>PUSH #1</b>	<u>Bench Press</u>	3-4	1	3-5		7	~3-4 min	<u>DB Bench Press</u>	<u>Machine Chest Press</u>	Set up a comfortable arch, quick pause on the chest and explode up on each rep.
	<u>Larsen Press</u>	0	2	10		7	~3-4 min	<u>DB Bench Press (No Leg Drive)</u>	<u>Machine Chest Press (No Leg Drive)</u>	Shoulder blades still retracted and depressed. Slight arch in upper back. Zero leg drive.
	<u>Standing Dumbbell Arnold Press</u>	2	2	8-10		7	~2-3 min	<u>Seated DB Shoulder Press</u>	<u>Machine Shoulder Press</u>	Start with your elbows in front of you and palms facing in. Rotate the dumbbells so that your palms face forward as you press.
	<u>A1. Press-Around</u>	1	2	12-15		8	0 min	<u>DB Flye</u>	<u>Deficit Push Up</u>	Brace with your non-working arm, squeeze your pecs by pressing the cable across your body.
	<u>A2. Pec Static Stretch 30s</u>	0	2	30s HOLD		N/A	0 min	N/A	N/A	Hold a pec stretch for 30 seconds. The stretch should be held at about a 7/10 intensity.
	<u>Cross-Body Cable Y-Raise (Side Delt)</u>	1	2	12-15		8	~1-2 min	<u>DB Lateral Raise</u>	<u>Machine Lateral Raise</u>	Think about swinging the cable out and up as if "drawing a sword" from your side.
	<u>Squeeze-Only Triceps Pressdown + Stretch-Only Overhead Triceps Extension</u>	1	2	8 + 8		8	~1-2 min	<u>Triceps Pressdown (12-15 reps)</u>	<u>DB Skull Crusher (12-15 reps)</u>	Do the second half of the ROM for pressdowns ("the squeeze") and the first half of the ROM for overhead extensions ("the stretch").
	<u>N1-Style Cross-Body Triceps Extension</u>	0	2	10-12		8	~1-2 min	<u>Single-Arm Tricep Pressdown</u>	<u>Single-Arm Cable Tricep Kickback</u>	Extend your triceps with your arm more out to the side than a regular pressdown. Feel the stretch as the cable moves across your torso.

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PULL #1	<u>Lat Pulldown (Feeder Sets)</u>	0	4	10		See Notes	~2-3 min	<u>Machine Pulldown</u>	<u>Pull-Up</u>	Do 4 feeder sets of 10 reps by gradually building the weight up from set to set. Set 1 is pretty light (RPE 4-5). Set 2 is a little heavier (RPE 6-7). Set 3 is a little heavier again (RPE 7-8). Set 4 is your hard set: try to hit failure at 10 reps on this last set.
	<u>Lat Pulldown (Failure Set)</u>	0	1	10+5		10	~2-3 min	<u>Machine Pulldown</u>	<u>Pull-Up</u>	After hitting failure at ~10 reps, do a dropset. Strip the weight back ~30-50% and do another 5 reps with nice and controlled technique.
	<u>Omni-Grip Machine Chest-Supported Row</u>	2	3	10-12		7	~2-3 min	<u>Incline Chest-Supported DB Row</u>	<u>Cable Seated Row</u>	Use 3 different grips for the 3 working sets (ideally going from wider to closer).
	<u>A1. Bottom-Half DB Lat Pullover</u>	1	2	10-12		8	0 min	<u>Cable Lat Pullover</u>	<u>1-Arm Lat Pull-In</u>	Do DB lat pullovers, but cut out the top half of the ROM (stay entirely in the stretched aspect of the lift).
	<u>A2. Lat Static Stretch 30s</u>	0	2	30s HOLD		N/A	0 min	N/A	N/A	Hold a lat stretch for 30 seconds. The stretch should be held at about a 7/10 intensity.
	<u>Omni-Direction Face Pull</u>	1	3	12-15		8	~1-2 min	<u>Reverse Cable Flye</u>	<u>Bent-Over Reverse DB Flye</u>	1st set: low-to-high 2nd set: mid-range 3rd set: high-to-low
	<u>EZ-Bar Curl</u>	1	2	6-8		8	~1-2 min	<u>DB Curl</u>	<u>Cable Curl</u>	Focus on contracting your biceps, minimize torso momentum.
	<u>Bottom-Half Preacher Curl</u>	0	2	10-12		8	~1-2 min	<u>Bottom-Half Spider Curl</u>	<u>Bottom-Half Bayesian Curl</u>	Do preacher curls, but cut out the top half of the ROM (stay entirely in the stretched aspect of the lift).

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LEGS #1	<u>Squat</u>	3-4	1	1-3		7	~3-4 min	<u>Hack Squat</u>	<u>DB Bulgarian Split Squat</u>	Sit back and down, keep your upper back tight to the bar.
	<u>Pause Squat (Back off)</u>	0	2	5		7	~3-4 min	<u>Pause Hack Squat</u>	<u>Pause DB Bulgarian Split Squat</u>	Drop the weight by ~25% from your top set. 2 second pause. Sit back and down, keep your upper back tight to the bar.
	<u>Barbell RDL</u>	2	2	8-10		7	~2-3 min	<u>DB RDL</u>	<u>45° Hyperextension</u>	Maintain a neutral lower back, set your hips back, don't allow your spine to round.
	<u>Walking Lunge</u>	1	2	10		7	~2-3 min	<u>DB Step-Up</u>	<u>Goblet Squat</u>	Take medium strides, minimize the amount you push off your rear leg.
	<u>Seated Leg Curl</u>	1	2	10-12		8	~1-2 min	<u>Lying Leg Curl</u>	<u>Nordic Ham Curl</u>	Focus on squeezing your hamstrings to move the weight.
	<u>Leg Press Toe Press</u>	1	2	10-12		8	~1-2 min	<u>Seated Calf Raise</u>	<u>Standing Calf Raise</u>	Press all the way up to your toes, stretch your calves at the bottom, don't bounce.
	<u>Decline Plate-Weighted Crunch</u>	1	2	10-12		8	~1-2 min	<u>Cable Crunch</u>	<u>Machine Crunch</u>	Hold a plate or DB to your chest and crunch hard.
OPTIONAL REST DAY										

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UPPER #1	Pull-Up	2	2	8-10		7	~2-3 min	<a href="#">Lat Pulldown</a>	<a href="#">Machine Pulldown</a>	1.5x shoulder width grip, pull your chest to the bar.
	Close-Grip Barbell Incline Press	2-3	2	8, 5		7	~3-4 min	<a href="#">Close-Grip DB Incline Press</a>	<a href="#">Close-Grip Machine Press</a>	Use ~45° incline and a grip width just outside shoulder width.
	Kroc Row	2	2	10-12		7	~2-3 min	<a href="#">Single-Arm DB Row</a>	<a href="#">Meadows Row</a>	Kroc rows are basically just a dumbbell row with mild cheating and a slightly more upright posture. Don't be afraid to go heavy and use straps if your grip is limiting.
	Eccentric-Accentuated Cable Lateral Raise, Constant-Tension Cable Lateral Raise	1	2	5, 15		8	~1-2 min	<a href="#">DB Lateral Raise</a>	<a href="#">Machine Lateral Raise</a>	First 5 reps: 5-second lowering phase, last 15 reps constant tension (no pausing at the bottom or top).
	N1-Style Cross-Body Bicep Curl	1	2	10-12		8	~1-2 min	<a href="#">DB Incline Curl</a>	<a href="#">DB Curl</a>	Curl across your body with your arm out to the side at ~60°.
	Diamond Pushup	0	1	AMRAP		10	0 min	<a href="#">Close-Grip Push Up</a>	<a href="#">Kneeling Modified Push Up</a>	Place your hands close together on the ground so that they form a diamond shape and do as many pushups as possible with a smooth tempo.

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LOWER #1	<u>Deadlift</u>	3-4	1	4		7	~3-5 min	<u>Trap Bar Deadlift</u>	<u>Barbell Hip Thrust</u>	Brace your lats, chest tall, pull the slack out of the bar before lifting
	<u>Stiff-Leg Deadlift</u>	0	2	8		7	~3-4 min	<u>Barbell RDL</u>	<u>DB RDL</u>	Think about doing a high-hip conventional deadlift with a slight bend in the knees
	<u>Leg Press</u>	2-3	2	10-12		7	~2-3 min	<u>Goblet Squat</u>	<u>Walking Lunge</u>	Medium width feet placement on the platform, don't allow your lower back to round
	<u>Glute Ham Raise</u>	1	2	8-10		8	~1-2 min	<u>Nordic Ham Curl</u>	<u>Lying Leg Curl</u>	Keep your hips straight, do Nordic ham curls if no GHR machine
	<u>Slow-Eccentric Leg Extension</u>	1	2	8-10		8	~1-2 min	<u>DB Step-Up</u>	<u>Goblet Squat</u>	Control the weight with a 3-4 second negative
	<u>Seated Calf Raise</u>	1	2	15-20		8	~1-2 min	<u>Standing Calf Raise</u>	<u>Leg Press Toe Press</u>	Press all the way up to your toes, stretch your calves at the bottom, don't bounce
	<u>Roman Chair Leg Raise</u>	1	2	10-20		8	~1-2 min	<u>Hanging Leg Raise</u>	<u>Reverse Crunch</u>	Don't swing your legs at the bottom, minimize momentum, tuck your knees towards your chest if lifting your legs straight out is too challenging
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